

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
ALEXEY ET AL.  
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FOR: METHOD FOR THE OLIGOMERISATION OF PEPTIDES

PRE AMENDMENT  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly replace the existing Sequence Listing with the Substitute Sequence Listing provided herewith as pages 19-25.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly renumber the claims pages beginning with page 26.  
At the top of the first page of claims kindly delete "Claims" and insert therefor -What is Claimed is--.

**Kindly amend the following claims:**

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- (Amended) An oligomer comprising at least 2 [or more than 2] units wherein each unit comprises a peptidic domain capable of oligomerizing and a domain capable of binding to an acceptor, wherein the oligomerizing domain is not an antibody or a functional antibody fragment from [the] a constant region.
  - (Amended) An oligomer according to claim 1, wherein the peptidic domain capable of oligomerizing and the domain capable of binding to an acceptor are connected via a spacer[ (hinge region)].
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